amendment in the NCC Rules to this effect was notified on 24 Dec. 88. In the meantime, some officers who completed 50 years of age on or after 13 Feb 87 but before 24th Dec. 88 were allowed to continue to work as Caretakers. The Ministry of Law & Justice however held that the said amendment cannot have retrospective effect. A case of regularisation of services of such NCC Officers is under consideration in consultation with Ministry of Law & Justice.

(c) No definite time schedule can be given.

Minor Boys Arrested by Army in Assam

1365. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of minor boys arrested by the Army in Assam in the name of nabbing ULFA extremists and the particulars thereof ,

(b) the number of the minor boys found to be connected with ULFA activities ,

(c) whether their parents are being informed after their arrest, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) As per the State Government's information, no minor boys arrested by the Army

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Rape Cases in Assam

1366. SHRI BHADRES WAR BURAGOHAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the total number of rapes committed by the Army during the operation Bajrang in Assam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) . No allegation of rape by Army personnel during 'Operation Bajrang' in Assam has been substantiated so far.

Conditions in Assam

1367. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent statement of the Governor of Assam that normalcy is fast returning to Assam and that he has diverted his attention to developmental works ;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to abolish application of the Disturbed Area Act from Assam and thereby lifting President's Rule in Assam ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) (a) After imposition of the President's Rule in the State of Assam, a better atmosphere of security among the people prevails in that State.

(b) and (c) Any decision in this regard will have to take into account